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SUBJ: MALAWI BAN ON FOREIGN JOURNALISTS LIFTED.

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1. GOM DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TATTERSALL INFORMED ME SEPT 2 THAT SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT NGWIRI HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT BANDA RELAXATION OF BANDA'S ABRUPT BAN ON JOURNALISTS ANNOUNCED AUG 14 PER REFTEL. NGWIRI REPORTEDLY OBTAINED BANDA'S CONCURRENCE THAT JOURNALISTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED, ALBEIT ON SELECTED BASIS (WHICH IN EFFECT IS SAME BASIS AS BEFORE). TATTERSALL WAS STILL NOT AWARE OF WHAT ARTICLE OR RADIO BROADCAST HAD UPSET BANDA.

2. COMMENT: NGWIRE HAD EARLIER BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED AT BANDA'S ANNOUNCEMENT BUT OPTIMISTIC THAT HE COULD OBTAIN A QUIET REVERSAL OF THE BAN.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD ALSO FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT TO NGWIRI AND, IF NGWIRI HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING BANDA TO REVERSE HIMSELF, WOULD HAVE APPROACHED BANDA HIMSELF ON THE SUBJECT. (ALMOST ALL JOURNALISTS COMING HERE ARE BRITISH.) WE ARE NOW BACK TO STATUS QUO ANTE REGARDING JOURNALISTS, I.E., THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED SELECTIVELY

BUT TREATED LIKE A HOT POTATO.
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